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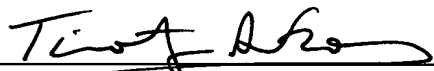
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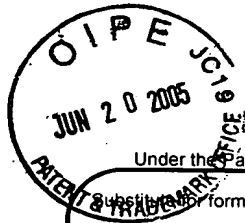
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		Exhibit A. Drawings of a hinge that was on sale more than one year prior to the filing date of the present application. Dated October 2000.	
		Exhibit B. Drawings of the center section of the hinge of Exhibit A. Dated February 1997.	

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